

Torrance, California
September 3, 1940

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, Tuesday, September 3, 1940 at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: Hitchcock.

Councilman Babcock moved that a recess be declared until 5:15 P.M. to await arrival of Councilman Hitchcock. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock arrived at 5:09 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 5:15 P.M..

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A communication was read from the Associated Assessment Engineers, requesting that a committee be appointed with whom Associated Assessment Engineers could meet from time to time for discussion of problems as they arise.

A lengthy discussion ensued at this time, the question arising as to whether or not the City should pay the Associated Assessment Engineers for collections made by them on unmatured 1915 Bond Improvement assessments, an agreement having been entered into to pay said Associated Assessment Engineers an amount equal to 20% of all assessments collected. It was agreed that the Company should be paid for amounts collected on delinquent assessments, but no satisfactory conclusion was formed as to the status of the unmatured items.

Clerk Bartlett stated that request for payment of the 20% for all assessments collected had been made by the Associated Assessment Engineers, but that he had withheld payment pending a decision on the point in question.

Councilman Murray moved that action authorizing payment to the Associated Assessment Engineers be deferred until September 10, 1940, Attorney McCall to be instructed in the meantime to contact the Associated Assessment Engineers for clarification of the disputed point and also to check the legality of discounting unmatured 1915 Bond Improvement assessments, which practice has been and is being followed by the Associated Assessment Engineers. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Harry C. Van Honings, applying for permit to establish a physiotherapy and massage business in the City of Torrance. Referred to Attorney McCall for investigation and report at the next meeting.

A letter bearing eight signatures was read, supporting the request of R. E. Moffitt and J. L. Saunders for permit to operate a riding academy in the rear of the McHenry Place at 23124 Narbonne Avenue.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of R. E. Moffitt and J. L. Saunders for permit to operate a riding academy in the rear of the McHenry Place at 23124 Narbonne Avenue be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Los Angeles Industrial Union Council, requesting to be notified of any ordinances coming up before the City Council which might have an effect upon labor.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be complied with, and that the communication be filed. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Southern California Industrial Safety Society, extending an invitation to the September dinner meeting September 9, 1940 at 6:30 at Scully's Cafe, 4801 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles. No action.


Mayor McGuire asked Attorney McCall whether or not he would have the proposed trespassing ordinance ready for presentation at the next meeting. Attorney McCall answered in the affirmative.

Regarding the proposed resolution to establish a method of paying for quitclaim deeds secured by the Associated Assessment Engineers pursuant to and in accordance with their agreement with the City of Torrance, it was decided to defer action until the next meeting.

Councilman Murray moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$129.60, plus tax, be made for installation of lights at the Municipal Park Playground. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire.. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 5:48 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance